

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING:	Corporate Audit Committee	
MEETING DATE:	27th September 2012	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
TITLE:	External Audit Update	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE: E
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Appendix 1 – External Audit Update Report for Audit Committee		

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 The External Auditor will update the Committee on a range of issues affecting the Councils audit work (Appendix 1).

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Corporate Audit Committee is asked to note the update from the External Auditor and the findings from Appendix 1.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no direct financial implications as a result of this report.

4 THE REPORT

- 4.1 The purpose of the report attached at Appendix 1 is to provide the Corporate Audit Committee with a commentary on progress in delivering the external auditors responsibilities. Additional matters include –
- a) Update on outsourcing and residual Audit Commission
 - b) Draft Local Audit Bill
 - c) 2012/13 National Fraud Initiative
 - d) 2010/11 Local Government Claims and Returns
 - e) Adult Social Care Assessment Review
 - f) Localism Act Update
 - g) Public Sector Internal Audit Standards

4.2 The External Auditor will provide a verbal briefing on these areas at the meeting.

5 RISK MANAGEMENT

5.1 A proportionate risk assessment has been carried out in relation to the Councils risk management guidance. There are no significant risks or issues to report to the Committee as a result of this report.

6. EQUALITIES

6.1 A proportionate equalities impact assessment has been carried out using corporate guidelines, no significant issues to report.

7 CONSULTATION

7.1 Consultation has been carried out with the Section 151 Finance Officer.

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Background papers	None
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